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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

GARY FRIEDRICH ENTERPRISES, LLC, et al.,
Plaintiffs,

vs.

Civil Action No.
08-CV-01533 (BSJ) (JCF)

MARVEL ENTERPRISES, INC., et al.,
Defendants.

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2 Q. Do -- do you know what the actual
3 formal company name was of the company that you
4 joined back in 1965?

5 A. I was given to -- understood it was
6 Magazine Management, which is a name I had not
7 heard before. That was the parent company, Marvel
8 Comics was sort of a division of it.

9 Q. And, when you first joined the Marvel
10 Comics operations of Magazine Management, what was
11 your -- what was your job?

12 A. I was hired as officially a staff
13 writer, was the official position at first.

14 Q. And how long did you remain a staff
15 writer?

16 A. I don't know. Really just a couple
17 of months because it quickly metamorphosed into
18 the job of being like an editorial assistant
19 without much of a real title. The duties didn't
20 change much, it just became the editorial
21 assistant, and I did my writing freelance.

22 Q. When you say you did your writing
23 freelance, you're talking about writing for some
24 comics?

25 A. Yes.

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2 Q. And, by freelance, you mean it wasn't
3 part of your normal job and you did it on the
4 side?

5 A. Yes, after those first two or three
6 months, where much of what I did was on staff, and
7 after that it was freelance.

8 Q. And when you did your freelance
9 writing, you did that on your own time?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Do you know who owned Magazine
12 Management at the time?

13 A. He may have had some family members
14 who had a piece, but mainly I understood it was
15 Martin Goodman.

16 Q. And, to the best of your
17 understanding, Mr. Goodman owned Magazine
18 Management either by himself or with other family
19 members --

20 A. Uh-huh.

21 Q. -- correct?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. When you were doing freelance writing
24 back in that period of time, in the, say, mid
25 1960s, where would you get your writing

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2 assignments?

3 A. Basically from Stan Lee, the -- the
4 editor. Sometimes they came through the
5 production manager, Sol Brodsky.

6 Q. And they would basically tell you
7 what they wanted you to write and then you would
8 go out and put something together?

9 MS. KLEINICK: Objection.

10 THE WITNESS: Stan would assign me to
11 write something, either a plot or just to dialogue
12 a story that had already -- to add dialogue to a
13 story that had perhaps already been drawn,
14 whatever -- whatever was needed.

15 BY MR. KRAMER:

16 Q. Do you know if Martin Goodman ever
17 sold Magazine Management?

18 A. Yes, my understanding is that he --
19 he did or -- in the late '60s, '68 or '69,
20 something like that.

21 Q. Do you know who he sold it to?

22 A. The company name that I recall was
23 Perfect Film and Chemical. It soon evolved, I
24 think, to Cadence or something, but I don't know
25 exactly how or why.

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